THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) No, Sir. However, IOC R & D Centre at Faridabad has developed bio-diesel based on Jatropha oil by the process of trans-esterification on a pilot scale.

(b) and (c) IOC (R & D) has not done any systematic cost economic study to compute the cost of production of bio-diesel.

**Bio-Diesel Urja**

4894. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether bio-diesel urja is being considered as an alternative fuel;

(b) if so, the details of research made in this connection; and

(c) the action taken to obtain its patent to ensure free availability in India with mass free plantation in rural wastelands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Research and Development activities are being supported by this Ministry in the country through different R & D organizations on the development of technology for characterization of different vegetable oils, conversion of different non-edible oils to bio-diesel, effect of these bio-fuels on the conventional engines, optimum level of bio-fuel blends to be used, etc.

(c) Efforts are being made for growing non-edible seed oil plants such as Jatropha Curcas, Karanja etc. on wastelands in the country. The Ministry of Rural Development which is responsible for wasteland development is working in this area.

**Allocation of employees between M. P. and Chhattisgarh**

4895. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA : Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received request from the State Government of Chhattisgarh/Madhya Pradesh with their No Objection for mutual allocation of employees between these States; and

(b) if so, the legal administrative hurdles for not accepting such requests so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) and (b)

The Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Madhya Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2000 has issued final allocation orders allocating State service personnel to the successor States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. So far as proposal regarding mutual transfer of employees with the No Objection of both the successor State Government of MP/Chhattisgarh is concerned, the successor State Governments have been advised to consider such requests of mutual transfer based on broad consensus arrived between the two State Governments, *inter alia*, either by defining the terms and conditions for such consideration or by framing suitable rules for this purpose.

**Preservation of documents under 'C' category**

†4896. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR : Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government documents under 'C' category are preserved for 15 years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that if the same are not preserved after the above mentioned period, and that too openly, no disciplinary action can be taken against an employee on this ground; and

(c) if so, in case of its non-compliance how the same are treated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Guidelines have been laid down in Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP) regarding preservation of files/documents under 'C' category. This category includes files of secondary importance having reference value for a limited period not exceeding 10 years. All recorded files including Category 'C' are required to be reviewed on the expiry of the specified retention period and weeded out unless there are sufficient grounds warranting its further retention. Every Ministry/Department of the Government of India is expected to comply with these instructions. In case of non-compliance with Government instructions, remedies exist by way of invocation of appropriate disciplinary procedures.

**Setting up of Asset Management Company**

4897. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA : Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering setting up of a new asset management company, promoted by Government owned Banks and investment institutions for offering pension schemes to new Government employees as also the employees in the unorganised sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.